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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological disorder producing
3 brief disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the
4 brain that temporarily affects a person's consciousness,
5 bodily movements, or sensations, while creating long-term
6 effects on the lifestyle of individuals with epilepsy; and

7 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy and one in
8 10 people will have an epileptic seizure during his or her
9 lifetime; and

10 WHEREAS, Epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of their
11 gender, race, age, religion, educational background, or
12 socioeconomic status; and

13 WHEREAS, More people suffer from epilepsy than from
14 Parkinson's Disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy,
15 and cerebral palsy combined; and

16 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 65 million people
17 worldwide; and

18 WHEREAS, Although there is no known cure for epilepsy,
19 existing drug therapy, surgery, and other nonpharmacological
20 treatments enable approximately 80% of individuals with

1 epilepsy to lead normal lives with no seizures or a significant
2 reduction in seizures; and

3 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a complex disorder that requires
4 further research to find a cure and prevention; and

5 WHEREAS, The public is often unable to recognize common
6 seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid; and

7 WHEREAS, The annual observance of Purple Day on March 26
8 advocates for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate
9 education of all persons with epilepsy, while raising awareness
10 with families, professionals, and the general public to better
11 understand this lifelong disorder; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate March 26,
14 2014 as "Purple Day" and invite all citizens to participate by
15 wearing purple; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That we call upon all citizens, government
17 agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and
18 schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and
19 understanding of epilepsy through education while ensuring
20 that all individuals with epilepsy lead a full and productive
21 life; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Kurt W. Florian, Jr., President and Chief
3 Executive Officer of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater
4 Chicago, as an expression of our support for the purposes and
5 goals of "Purple Day".